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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 10-12 and 16-20 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 10-12, 16 and 17 are allowed.

Claim 19 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response Applicants have hereby amended claim 19 to be in independent form including all the limitations of the rejected base claim.

Claims 18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 5,809,064 (Fenton et al.) in view of USPN 6,633,255 (Krasner) and USPN 6,169,514 (Sullivan). In response, Applicants have hereby canceled rejected claims 18 and 20.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Craig Plastrik, at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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